

# Memorandum

## City of Las Vegas Office of the City Attorney

**To:** Oscar B. Goodman, Mayor

**From:** James B. Lewis  
Deputy City Attorney

**CC:** Brad Jerbic, City Attorney  
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**Date:** July 18, 2006

**Re:** Initial Statements regarding Agenda Item 101; MSH-13365, Amendment to the Master Plan of Streets and Highways to add an Alternative Alignment for Mountain's Edge Parkway (Northern Beltway)

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As promised, the following is a statement regarding the above-referenced item, in order to properly frame the record with regard to any future assertions that such a meeting "triggered" the beginning of pre-condemnation damages for property owners in the subject area if the City Council eventually chooses this alignment for the "Northern Beltway." Following the statement will be bullets of the "important points" in case you decide to fashion your own statement.

### Statement

Mayor Goodman: Read in Item MSH-13365

Mayor Goodman: Before we hear from staff on this item and begin the proceedings, it is important for those of you in attendance on this item to understand what this item is, and what it is not.

Mayor Goodman: I understand this item to be a proposal to add an alternate, let me repeat this, an alternate alignment for the City's future freeway network in the northwest. If this item is approved, there will be two alignments for the northern beltway shown on our master plan—the current alignment and this proposed alternative.

Mayor Goodman: What this hearing is not is a hearing to decide whether this City will be asking landowners to sell property affected by this proposed alternative and this is absolutely, unequivocally not a hearing at which this City is announcing its intent to condemn anyone's property or a hearing at which this Council is making a decision as to whether this proposed alignment is the one to be utilized for the future path of the northern beltway.

Mayor Goodman: Please remember, this agenda item is merely the addition of a proposed alternative to the master plan so city staff can be more flexible in its recommendations to this Council as to the future of the northwest freeway network.

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Mayor Goodman: It is my understanding that our City Attorney staff will try to help keep us and you on the right track. This is not to be a discussion regarding the valuation of your property, or when or if the City is going to condemn your property or otherwise. This discussion is to be limited to the appropriateness of adding this alternative to the City's master plan.

Mayor Goodman: Staff . . .

**Bullet Points**

- this is a hearing on a proposed alternative alignment to the present alignment, no more, no less.
- an amendment to the City's master plan of streets and highways such as this allows the City to officially include such an alternative into its future planning processes.
- if the item is approved, both the current alignment and the proposed alignment will appear on the master plan of streets and highways until a decision is made by this Council as to which one the City will ultimately utilize for a freeway.
- this is not a hearing to decide whether the City should utilize this alternate as the final alignment for the northern beltway, nor is this an announcement of the City's intent to offer to purchase or condemn your property.
- this is merely the city staff requesting flexibility for its future planning of the northwest freeway network.